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## LOCAL MINISTERS OPPOSE DIVORCE LAWS

Clergy Interested in Statement of  
the Reverend William O'Brien  
Pardow of New York.

WOULD CARRY OUT HIS PLAN.

Bishop Tuttle Declares Separations  
Are Too Easy to Secure  
in Many States and  
Should Be Changed.

The statement of the Reverend William O'Brien Pardow, president of St. Francis Xavier's College in New York, that 500,000 divorces have been granted in the United States within the last twenty years, and that the ministers of various religious denominations should unite, in an effort to abate the evil, has created much interest among the clergy in St. Louis.

While no effort has been made toward the formation of a local union on the lines suggested by Father Pardow, St. Louis ministers have found interest in the subject, which was placed before them several weeks ago by the national officers of the Episcopal Church.

The Episcopal Church in America is the author of a plan to have a conference of ministers of all religious denominations in the United States, with a view of discussing the subject of marriage and divorce and deciding upon a common ground upon which all religious followers can stand.

It is admitted that all churchmen, no matter what their creed, are opposed to the evil of divorce. The Roman Catholic Church does not sanction the divorce and refuses to marry a person who has been divorced.

The Episcopal Church will sanction a divorce on what is termed the scriptural ground.

The divorce rules of the other churches are not enforced rigidly, but the Presbyterian and some other churches believe that divorces should be granted on the ground of "absolute and incurable desertion," as well as the scriptural ground.

"Easy methods of divorce constitute the evil which the Christian element must combat," said Bishop Daniel S. Tuttle of the Episcopal diocese.

"Divorces are too easy to secure in most States, and therein lies the great evil. We should make a fight for better laws, and the only way to make that fight, in my opinion, is to arouse the public to a sense of duty."

In South Carolina there is no divorce law. On no grounds whatever can a married couple gain legal separation in that State. In New York, I think, a divorce is granted only on the scriptural ground. "I think the New York law is a good one, perhaps better than any law at all, as they have it in South Carolina, and if the churches unite in this project, a law similar to this can be passed in nearly every State in the Union."

"Wholesome legislation is what is needed to rid the country of the divorce evil, and wholesome legislation can only be gained after the people have first been convinced that easy divorces are bad, and that the welfare of society demands their abatement."

**VIEWS OF BISHOP GLENNON.**

Bishop J. J. Glennon said:

"The attitude of the Roman Catholic Church on the question of divorce is too well known to require discussion. The Catholic Church is radically opposed to divorces, always has been and ever will be. Marriage is the foundation upon which society rests, and divorce, as it is practiced in the United States, is an attack on the stability of our morals."

"The Catholic Church, being a civil factor, will gladly co-operate with other organizations in an effort to improve legislation in the matter of granting divorces. The system in many States is bad, and a remedy is needed."

"If there were no divorce laws persons would have a better appreciation of marriage, and would think twice before they entered into the bonds of matrimony."

"In too many instances matrimony is looked upon as a trifling, unimportant matter."

The Reverend John F. Cannon, pastor of the Grand Avenue Presbyterian Church, thinks that the conference suggested by the Episcopal bodies should be held, and thinks that in a meeting of this kind rests the solution of the divorce problem from the church standpoint.

"We should discuss the subject from all viewpoints," said the Reverend Mr. Cannon, "and then decide upon a common ground. With the churches united as to their opinions of divorce, an intelligent contest could be waged before the State legislatures, and without doubt the divorce laws, now so onerous, could be repealed."

**New Illinois Corporations.**

Springfield, Ill., June 12.—The United Grain Company, located at Jersey City, N. J., with a capital stock of \$400,000, was located to-day by Secretary of State Rose to transact business in Illinois with a State capital of \$75,000.

The Steam, Hot and Cold Water and Ammonia Fitters and Helpers of America, located at East St. Louis, certify to dissolution of their corporation.

The Farmers' Beneficial Association, located at Fairbanks, certifies to an increase in capital stock from \$5,000 to \$7,000.



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**WANTED TO LYNCH THE NEGRO.**  
Angry Mob Was Bent on Summary Punishment.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Greenville, Ill., June 12.—It was not until early this morning that the mob of angry citizens, bent on meeting out summary punishment to Ben Lee, the negro charged with assaulting Miss May Larrabee, was finally dispersed. The men saw for themselves that Lee was not an inmate of the Bond County Jail.

At 3 o'clock this morning Sheriff Floyd returned from Carlyle, where he took Lee in a buggy, after having been warned that an attempt would be made to lynch the negro.

Lee will be taken to the Chester Penitentiary, he being out on parole at the time of the arrest. An indictment will be returned against him by the September Grand Jury and at the expiration of his present sentence he will be brought here for trial. Mrs. Larrabee, mother of the outraged girl, is in a critical condition and it is feared she cannot survive the shock.

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**VANDALIA-PENNSYLVANIA LINE.**

**WILL NOT BE A CANDIDATE.**  
Bishop Coleman Does Not Desire Re-election.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Greenville, Ill., June 12.—Bishop Coleman of New York has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election before the Free Methodist General Conference, owing to his advanced age. The election will take place toward the end of the session.

At to-day's sitting twenty-eight amendments to the discipline were offered and referred to the committee on Revision. This committee reported back today an amendment, and the same was adopted, granting the privilege to members to hold their letters for one year and still retain all the privileges of the original church. This amendment provoked a sharp discussion, but was finally adopted.

Bishop Jones of Chicago will preach tomorrow morning and the various pulpits of the city churches will be supplied by the ministerial delegates.

**Oliver Grove Eucere.**  
Oliver Grove, No. 27, Woodmen Circle, will give a eucere at its hall, Broadway and Chippewa street, Wednesday afternoon.

**Lincoln Institute Faculty.**  
**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Jefferson City, Mo., June 12.—The State Board of Regents has chosen the following faculty for Lincoln Institute, the State school for negro youths: President, B. F. Allen; English, Miss Josephine Yates; mathematics, J. S. Moten; science, G. S. Murray; languages, J. H. Garnett; music, Miss Anna Carney; assistant teachers, R. A. West of St. Louis, O. M. Shackelford of Warrensburg and B. W. Daniel of Jefferson City; superintendent of industrial department, A. U. Craig of Washington, D. C.; sewing department, Miss Mary Grimes; domestic science, Miss Ida Brunelle of Philadelphia, to the family of J. H. Stone.

**Pa. President Allen was appointed for a two year term, instead of for one year, as had heretofore been the custom in choosing the principal.**

**More Bodies Found at Topeka.**  
Topeka, Kas., June 12.—The bodies of two more children were discovered to-day in the wreckage of the Shunkweller home at No. 1163 Harrison street, North Topeka. The will have to be blown up with dynamite to recover the bodies. This makes a total of seven lives lost in this house. Two belonged to the Shunkweller family and one to the family of J. H. Stone.